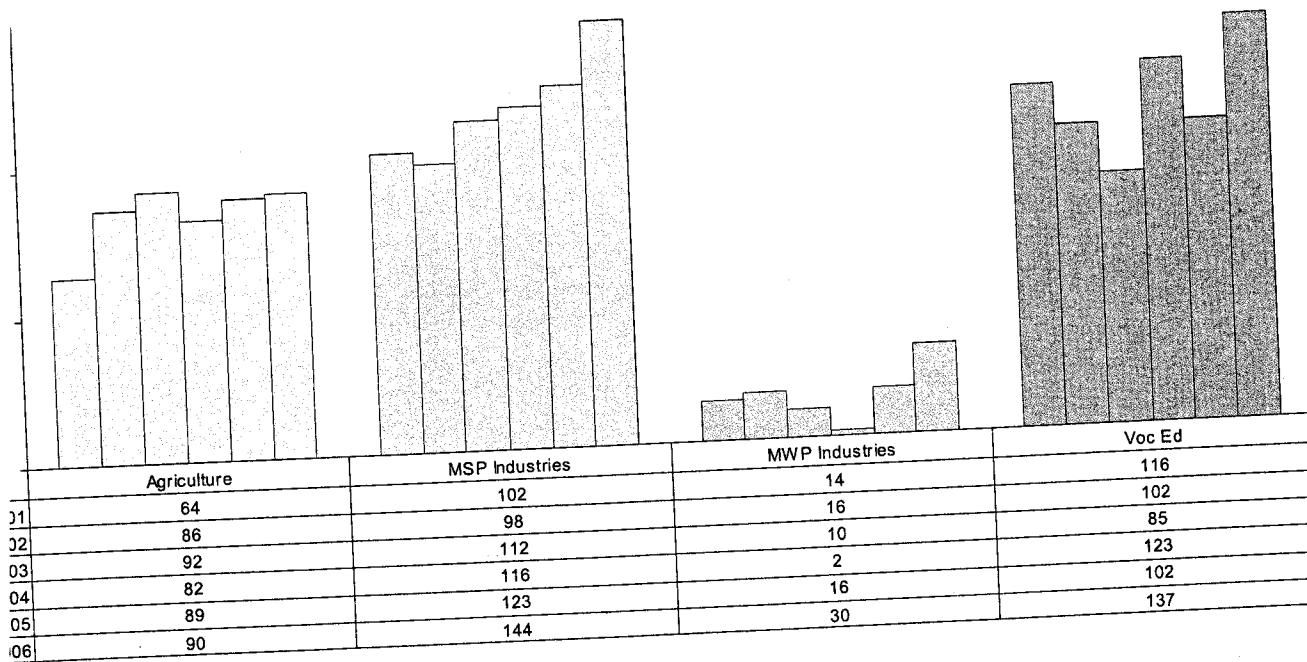


# Montana Correctional Enterprises Inmate Employment by Program FY2001-FY2006



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Montana Correctional Enterprises operates a wide variety of programs and inmate employment in the four major types of programs is shown in this graph. The number of offenders working in each of the categories increased during the past six years.

Agricultural employment grew 40 percent. This includes the ranch and dairy, crop production, lumber processing, maintenance and construction, and fire crew, all at Montana State Prison. MSP industries programs, which include the furniture and upholstery shops, print and sign shops, laundry, boot factory, food factory, canteen, license plate factory and "certified programs" had a 41 percent increase. This group has the largest inmate workforce.

Industries at Montana Women's Prison, which includes bow and lanyard production, embroidery and sewing programs, dog training and certified programs increased 114 percent. Cer-

tified programs are certified by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance because they are involved in interstate commerce and must meet certain guidelines. The boot factory and lanyard production are certified.

Vocational education programs, which include the cannery, motor vehicle maintenance, a Toyota training aids project, business skills and classroom education, increased 18 percent. The largest inmate participation among all MCE programs is 88 in classroom education.

MCE assumed operation of the inmate canteen program in 2006 and took over the food factory in 2003. Employment in the license plate factory dropped from 16 to nine workers since 2001 because of increased automation. Inmate employment at the regional and private prisons ended after 2003 when a telemarketing program was discontinued. It employed 47 offenders in its last year.